



## **2017 PGA NATIONAL FUTURES CHAMPIONSHIP**

### **CONDITIONS OF ENTRY**

1. The Championship will be played over 72 holes stroke play, 18 holes on each of Tuesday October 24, Wednesday October 25, Thursday October 26 and Friday October 27. The field will be a maximum of 144 players, with a cut being made after 36 holes to the leading 50 players plus ties.
2. In the event of a tie or ties for the Championship a play-off shall be conducted over such holes as the Championship Committee designates, players being eliminated hole by hole as they fail to maintain equality with the other or others until the winner is determined.
3. The Championship will be played in accordance with the Rules of Golf 2017 as approved by R & A rules Ltd, and in accordance with the PGA of Australia Tournament By Laws and Rules & Regulations, and local rules as approved by the match committee. The PGA Tour of Australasia Local Rules and Conditions of competition as specified on the PGA Tour Hard Card will also be in effect.
4. The decision of the Championship Committee will be final in all matters relating to the Championship. Protests must be made to the Championship Committee not later than 15 minutes after the conclusion of the day's play, except on the final day when they must be within 5 minutes of the conclusion of play.
5. The Championship Committee reserves the right to vary any condition of this event.
6. Riding in or on any form of motorised transport during the playing of a hole is prohibited.
7. Caddies must wear attire suitable to both PGA and club standards.
8. The Ball: Rule 5-1 Note The ball the player uses must be named on the current "List of Conforming Golf Balls" issued by the Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St. Andrews.
9. Driving Clubs. Driving clubs shall not have a characteristic time greater than 257 milliseconds when measured on a pendulum testing apparatus as approved by the R&A Rules Limited - see also Appendix II, 5a of the Rules of Golf. (A list of non conforming clubs is available at [www.randa.org](http://www.randa.org) under rules equipment section).
10. Balls with identical markings are to be used. Throughout a stipulated round the player is limited to golf balls with identical markings, except that the ball identification numbers may differ by number only, not by colour.
11. Pace of play: Rule 6 - 7 will be enforced. Each group must maintain its position on the course with respect to the group preceding them. Any group with a clear hole in front of them will be considered out of position. Warnings may not be issued prior to penalties.
12. The use of soft spikes in all practice, pro am and tournament rounds is a requirement of entry into this tournament.
13. All players must be available for Pro-Am day on Monday October 23. Allocation and requirements will be advised after close of entries.
14. The Tournament Committee arranges publicity before and during the Championship in the Press, by live and recorded radio and television broadcasting, by filming, and in electronic form. The Competitors assent to references to them and pictures of them in practice and play appearing and being used for commercial purposes by the PGA and authorised Tournament Committee. Also, to comply with certain contractual limitations relating to advertising on television, competitors assent that they or their caddies may not without the prior approval of the Tournament Committee display any commercial identification on clothing or equipment other than that customarily affixed to and of the normal size and in the normal position of any such clothing or equipment.

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**REGISTRATION**

All competitors are required to register at the designated Tournament Office at Ballarat Golf Club between the hours of 8:00am – 10:00am on Monday 23 October.

**QUALIFYING CONDITIONS**

Qualifying is conducted at Divisional level under the guidelines set out by the PGA Academy of Golf. Only Trainee Professionals who have passed their academic requirements for the year are eligible to enter this tournament. All players must have an adjusted average of 6.25 or better as at the close of entries in order to be eligible.

**All successful applicants will be notified by mail following close of entries. See below for eligibility categories:**

**ELIGIBILITY CATEGORIES**

1	Previous Years Champion
2	State Champion of each state (Compulsory attendance. Incl. Rich River)
3	State Trainee of the Year of each State
4	National Invites/Special Invites
5	National Top Ten as close of entries
6	Host Trainee (Senior)
7	Overseas Trainee Champions as invited on a year to year basis (assume 5)
8	Leading Players on the State OOM x 62 (as at 1 October)
	NSW x 26
	VIC x 13
	QLD X 13
	WA x 5
	SA x 3
	TAS x 2
9	Pre Qualifying x 43 Positions NSW x 18 VIC x 8 QLD x 8 WA x 3 SA x 2 TAS x 1 ACT x 2  All exemptions Slide

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